

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 42 and 50 will be pending in the present application. Claims 51-56 have been cancelled by this amendment. All other claims were cancelled in previous amendments.

Claims 51-56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,560,353 to Willemot et al. ("the '353 patent") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,803,066 to Rapoport et al. ("the '066 patent") and U.S. Patent No. 5,701,883 to Hete et al. Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection has been rendered moot due to the cancellation of claims 51-56 from the present application. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the above rejection of the claims be withdrawn.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to re-file any of the claims from the present application, including claims 51-56, in a further continuing application. Indeed, the cancellation of any claim from the present application, including claims 51-56, should not be construed as an acquiescence by the applicant to the rejection set forth by the Examiner. Quite the contrary, the applicant maintains that claims 51-56 are patentably distinguishable over the cited references for, among other things, the reasons presented in previous Amendments/Responses. Nevertheless, in the interest of expediting the prosecution of the present application, the applicant is willing to cancel the rejected claims from the present application - reserving the right to continue prosecution of such claims in a further continuing application - so that the allowed claims will issue as a granted patent.

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All rejections have been addressed. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to the effect is earnestly solicited.

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